

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Diablo Vista District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954-5804

PROJECT TITLE: Issuance of Easement to CCC for Marsh Creek Road Shoulder Widening Project

LOCATION: Marsh Creek State Park

COUNTY: Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a permanent Grant of Easement to allow Contra Costa County to construct a shoulder widening project along Marsh Creek Road and Acceptance of Quitclaim of excess right of way at Marsh Creek State Park.

All work conducted within the boundaries of the easement, including routine maintenance, will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, CEQA, and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, with regard to work conducted within the easement. All ground-disturbing work on State Park property will be monitored by an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Qualification Standards for historic and prehistoric archaeology. If potentially significant resources are unearthed, work in the immediate area of the find will be temporarily halted or diverted until the site monitor consults with a DPR archaeologist, and identification and proper treatment are determined and implemented. Contra Costa County will be responsible for providing all qualified monitors. All finds will become the property of DPR; ownership of any Native American artifacts will be determined on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the appropriate tribal representative(s) and/or the Native American Heritage Commission. Archaeological consultants working within the boundaries of the easement or on adjoining State Park property will obtain a permit from the DPR Cultural Resource Division prior to commencing any investigations on the property.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Diablo Vista District


EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 5 Section: 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20 percent, which does not result in any changes in land use or density, included as "issuance of easements", in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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